

Central Local Area Committee

Wednesday 13 July 2022 at 6.00 pm

The Press and Public are Welcome to Attend

Venue: King Edward VII Upper School, Glossop Road, Broomhall, Sheffield S10 2PW



Local Area
Committees

Membership

Councillor Bernard Little
Councillor Maleiki Haybe
Councillor Angela Argenzio
Councillor Ben Curran
Councillor Christine Gilligan
Councillor Brian Holmshaw
Councillor Tom Hunt
Councillor Douglas Johnson
Councillor George Lindars-
Hammond
Councillor Ruth Mersereau
Councillor Henry Nottage
Councillor Martin Phipps

PUBLIC ACCESS TO THE MEETING

Local Area Committees engage, enable, and empower communities across the city with increasing control over decision making, marking a major shift in power to communities. The Committees provide a geographical framework that, over time, will be used to prioritise and direct the local delivery of an increasing number of Council services and oversee the production of a co-produced annual Area Committee Plan which will reflect resident priorities.

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Local Area Committee executive decisions are effective six working days after the meeting has taken place, unless called-in for scrutiny by the relevant Scrutiny Committee or referred to the City Council meeting, in which case the matter is normally resolved within the monthly cycle of meetings.

In order for us to be able to effectively facilitate attendance at the meeting, we would encourage all attendees to notify us of your attendance in advance by registering [here](#) or emailing committee@sheffield.gov.uk

If you require any further information please contact Jay Bell email jay.bell@sheffield.gov.uk.

**CENTRAL LOCAL AREA COMMITTEE AGENDA
13 JULY 2022**

Order of Business

- 1. Welcome and Housekeeping Arrangements**
- 2. Apologies for Absence**
- 3. Exclusion of Public and Press**
To identify items where resolutions may be moved to exclude the press and public
- 4. Declarations of Interest** (Pages 5 - 8)
Members to declare any interests they have in the business to be considered at the meeting
- 5. Minutes of Previous Meeting** (Pages 9 - 16)
To approve the minutes of the meeting of the Area Committee held on 21 March 2022 & 18 May 2022
- 6. Central Local Area Committee Community Plan - Update & Review of the last 12 Months** (Pages 17 - 26)
Update to be given by Adeel Zahman, Central Local Area Committee Manager
- 7. Cost of Living Crisis**
Update from Chris Hardy – Foodbank Manager (S6 Foodbank) and Partners
- 8. Breakout Groups**
To consider the following 2 questions:
 - What can we do to increase engagement and consultation with the communities in the LAC Area?
 - What projects would you like the money to be spent on under each theme?
- 9. Public Questions and Petitions**
To receive any questions or petitions from members of the public

NOTE: The next meeting of Central Local Area Committee will be held on date and time to be agreed

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If you are present at a meeting of the Council, of its executive or any committee of the executive, or of any committee, sub-committee, joint committee, or joint sub-committee of the authority, and you have a **Disclosable Pecuniary Interest (DPI)** relating to any business that will be considered at the meeting, you must not:

- participate in any discussion of the business at the meeting, or if you become aware of your Disclosable Pecuniary Interest during the meeting, participate further in any discussion of the business, or
- participate in any vote or further vote taken on the matter at the meeting.

These prohibitions apply to any form of participation, including speaking as a member of the public.

You **must**:

- leave the room (in accordance with the Members' Code of Conduct)
- make a verbal declaration of the existence and nature of any DPI at any meeting at which you are present at which an item of business which affects or relates to the subject matter of that interest is under consideration, at or before the consideration of the item of business or as soon as the interest becomes apparent.
- declare it to the meeting and notify the Council's Monitoring Officer within 28 days, if the DPI is not already registered.

If you have any of the following pecuniary interests, they are your **disclosable pecuniary interests** under the new national rules. You have a pecuniary interest if you, or your spouse or civil partner, have a pecuniary interest.

- Any employment, office, trade, profession or vocation carried on for profit or gain, which you, or your spouse or civil partner undertakes.
- Any payment or provision of any other financial benefit (other than from your council or authority) made or provided within the relevant period* in respect of any expenses incurred by you in carrying out duties as a member, or towards your election expenses. This includes any payment or financial benefit from a trade union within the meaning of the Trade Union and Labour Relations (Consolidation) Act 1992.

*The relevant period is the 12 months ending on the day when you tell the Monitoring Officer about your disclosable pecuniary interests.

- Any contract which is made between you, or your spouse or your civil partner (or a body in which you, or your spouse or your civil partner, has a beneficial interest) and your council or authority –
 - under which goods or services are to be provided or works are to be executed; and
 - which has not been fully discharged.

- Any beneficial interest in land which you, or your spouse or your civil partner, have and which is within the area of your council or authority.
- Any licence (alone or jointly with others) which you, or your spouse or your civil partner, holds to occupy land in the area of your council or authority for a month or longer.
- Any tenancy where (to your knowledge) –
 - the landlord is your council or authority; and
 - the tenant is a body in which you, or your spouse or your civil partner, has a beneficial interest.
- Any beneficial interest which you, or your spouse or your civil partner has in securities of a body where -
 - (a) that body (to your knowledge) has a place of business or land in the area of your council or authority; and
 - (b) either -
 - the total nominal value of the securities exceeds £25,000 or one hundredth of the total issued share capital of that body; or
 - if the share capital of that body is of more than one class, the total nominal value of the shares of any one class in which you, or your spouse or your civil partner, has a beneficial interest exceeds one hundredth of the total issued share capital of that class.

If you attend a meeting at which any item of business is to be considered and you are aware that you have a **personal interest** in the matter which does not amount to a DPI, you must make verbal declaration of the existence and nature of that interest at or before the consideration of the item of business or as soon as the interest becomes apparent. You should leave the room if your continued presence is incompatible with the 7 Principles of Public Life (selflessness; integrity; objectivity; accountability; openness; honesty; and leadership).

You have a personal interest where –

- a decision in relation to that business might reasonably be regarded as affecting the well-being or financial standing (including interests in land and easements over land) of you or a member of your family or a person or an organisation with whom you have a close association to a greater extent than it would affect the majority of the Council Tax payers, ratepayers or inhabitants of the ward or electoral area for which you have been elected or otherwise of the Authority's administrative area, or
- it relates to or is likely to affect any of the interests that are defined as DPIs but are in respect of a member of your family (other than a partner) or a person with whom you have a close association.

Guidance on declarations of interest, incorporating regulations published by the Government in relation to Disclosable Pecuniary Interests, has been circulated to you previously.

You should identify any potential interest you may have relating to business to be considered at the meeting. This will help you and anyone that you ask for advice to fully consider all the circumstances before deciding what action you should take.

In certain circumstances the Council may grant a **dispensation** to permit a Member to take part in the business of the Authority even if the member has a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest relating to that business.

To obtain a dispensation, you must write to the Monitoring Officer at least 48 hours before the meeting in question, explaining why a dispensation is sought and desirable, and specifying the period of time for which it is sought. The Monitoring Officer may consult with the Independent Person or the Council's Audit and Standards Committee in relation to a request for dispensation.

Further advice can be obtained from Gillian Duckworth, Director of Legal and Governance on 0114 2734018 or email gillian.duckworth@sheffield.gov.uk.

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Central Local Area Committee

Meeting held 21 March 2022

PRESENT: Councillors Josie Paszek (Deputy Chair), Angela Argenzio, Ben Curran, Christine Gilligan, Brian Holmshaw, Douglas Johnson and Martin Phipps

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1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

1.1 Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Ruth Mersereau, Neale Gibson, George Lindars-Hammond, Kaltum Rivers and Bernard Little.

2. EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS

2.1 No items were identified where resolutions may be moved to exclude the press and public.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

3.1 No declarations of interest were made at the meeting.

4. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

4.1 The minutes of the previous meeting, held on the 27 September were agreed as an accurate record.

5. APPROVAL OF THE CENTRAL LAC COMMUNITY PLAN 2022-23

5.1 The Central Area Manager, Adeel Zahman, gave a presentation on the Central Local Area Community Plan 2022/23.

5.2 It was mentioned the Community Plan would evolve, as the Council continued to engage with the public.

5.3 Local Area Committees (LACs) were a way for the public to be involved and make a difference in their community. LACs gave the public the opportunity to influence decision-making and contribute to positive changes.

5.4 It was stated the LACs had a budget of £100,000 to deliver and develop priorities in the areas. There was also a fund of £57,000 allocated to reduce fly tipping and graffiti in the central area.

5.5 The presentation explained there was 12 Councillors who represented the Central Local Area Committee. 3 Councillors from each of the 4 wards. The wards were:

- Hillsborough

- Walkley
- Broomhill & Sharrow Vale
- City

5.6 The Central Area Manager explained the Central LAC aimed to improve their engagement with youth residents as only 1% had been engaged so far. Another target group was private and council renting tenants, as most people who responded through the survey was homeowners.

5.7 Following engagement activities with residents in the central area, the following 5 priorities were highlighted:

- Transport & Highways
- Environment
- Community & Neighbourhoods
- Community Safety & Crime
- Business, Employment & Skills

5.8 The presentation outlined an action plan for each of the 5 priority themes.

5.9 The Chair thanked the Central Area team for developing the community plan.

5.10 **RESOLVED:** That:-

1. Approval be given to the Central Community Plan as a statement of the priorities of the area;
2. Authority be given to the Community Services Manager to produce a final version of the Community Plan document, incorporating any amendments approved by the LAC at this meeting, and to publish it on the webpages of the Central Local Area Committee; and
3. Notes that future LAC decisions relating to funding must fit with the priorities set out in the Community Plan and following engagement with the community.

5.11 **Reasons for Decision**

The proposal to approve the Central LAC Community Plan is recommended on the basis that the Plan provides a clear framework in how the LAC will direct its resources to address key issues identified through community consultation.

5.12 **Alternatives Considered and Rejected**

None. A key element in establishing LACs is the principle that each LAC will develop a Community Plan.

5.13 At the conclusion of the consideration and voting on the Community Plan, a series of breakout groups were organised which comprised members of the public in attendance, a Council officer and a Member of the Committee leading the discussion, to consider the five key themes that had been highlighted in the Community Plan. The Chair asked each Lead Member of the groups to report back on the discussions held. Feedback were as follows:

5.14 **Transport and Highways**

- Sheffield needed better public transport services
- Needed to look at bus franchising
- Reduce the amount of pavement parking
- Needed to be easier routes for people to report local issues

5.15 **Communities and Neighbourhoods**

- Look at venues in the city for community groups
- Understanding that long term residents had different priorities to short term residents
- Needed to engage more with people who do not have access or use Computers
- Wealthier parts of the city received the same funding as other areas
- Look at community mapping so that organisations can see who they can work with

5.16 **Community Safety and Crime**

- To reduce the amount of Fly tipping and Graffiti in the area should be a priority
- The LAC should aim to assist Community Groups and students
- Look at Police attending future meetings
- Needed to be more Police presence on estates
- Needed to ensure better safety for the females in the city
- Needed to improve safety on the local parks, would like to see more Police presence
- Needed better ways to report local crime

5.17 **Environment**

- Needed to look into Student housing
- Needed to look at how students can engage more with the Council
- Aim to reduce litter in the wards
- Needed to engage with landlords and aim to stop the reduction of greenery at properties
- Look at how bin management and recycling can be improved

- Needed to encourage more people to travel to green spaces in the city
- Look at Community groups doing activities with children

5.18 **Business, Employment and Skills**

- Needed to look at ways to upskill people who were looking for jobs
- Look at what Universities and Colleges were doing to upskill students
- Improve people's IT skills
- Look at female led business networking opportunities
- Needed to be a safe space for people to talk to each other about employment

5.19 The Chair mentioned there was a suggestion box available for anyone to use if they thought anything else was missing from the group discussions. The Chair added that all feedback would be greatly received and considered.

6. **PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND PETITIONS**

6.1 The Committee received the following questions and a petition from members of the public in attendance at the meeting.

6.2 **Manuel Flores**

What was the progress on the active neighbourhoods? Manuel had completed a survey for Crookes last summer but had not received any updates since then.

The Chair explained that the question would be passed onto the South West LAC to respond, as this fell within their remit.

6.3 **Eamonn Ward**

Eamonn had requested previously that the ward pot allocations were posted online. The 2020/21 allocations should now have been made therefore can that happen. Also, can the LAC make a big effort to reach all eligible organisations, so they know about the 2022/23 ward pots when they were launched?

The Chair mentioned the 2020/21 financial year was still ongoing until end of the month (March 2022). It will then be published on the Council's webpage.

The Chair asked Council officers to look whether there was other appropriate places where the ward pots allocations could be published.

6.4 **Public Questioner 3**

What information was circulated to local organisations to inform them of the work of their Local LAC and how to access the funding available?

The Chair explained these LAC meetings were a main way to get information out to local organisations. As previously mentioned, there was a suggestion box within the venue, the Chair welcomed attendees' views on how this could be widened to improve the amount of information local organisations received.

6.5 **Public Petition**

The Committee received a petition containing 167 signatures 'Requesting an urgent review of traffic management on the roads leading from psalter lane to hunters bar and requesting residents only parking'

6.6 **RESOLVED:** That the petition be forwarded on to the Executive Member for Climate Change, Environment and Transport, Councillor Douglas Johnson

7. **TRANSITION TO COMMITTEES**

7.1 The Head of Democratic Services, Jason Dietsch, gave a presentation on Sheffield City Council's transition to a committee system.

7.2 The presentation explained how the Council was transitioning from a Leader & Cabinet model to a Committee System from May 2022. This was following a referendum, where the public voted for Sheffield to change its governance arrangements.

7.3 It was mentioned the Committee System would continue to evolve over the coming months and that there was a review in place, 6 months after implementation.

7.4 Stakeholder's, community groups and other authorities had been called to give evidence and suggestions for designing the new system, in which the Governance Committee considered all aspects before putting forward a final draft for Full Council.

7.5 There will be 7 themed Policy Committees, each with a Chair and each politically proportionate. It was added that there will also be a Strategy & Resources Committee, chaired by the Leader of the Council, which dealt with cross cutting issues.

7.6 In the new system, LACs will report to Full Council. LACs can also

refer decisions to the relevant policy committee in the new system.

- 7.7 The Head of Democratic Services referred to the Public Engagement Toolkit which highlighted a 'menu of options' which each committee could consider to ensure public were in the centre of decision making.

8. DECISIONS TAKEN BY THE COMMUNITY SERVICES MANAGER FOR NOTING

- 8.1 **RESOLVED:** That the expenditure against the £100,000 budget to address local priorities in the Central LAC in 2021/22, as detailed in the report, was noted.

SHEFFIELD CITY COUNCIL

Central Local Area Committee

Meeting held 18 May 2022

PRESENT: Councillors Bernard Little (Chair), Maleiki Haybe (Deputy Chair), Angela Argenzio, Ben Curran, Christine Gilligan, Brian Holmshaw, Tom Hunt, Douglas Johnson, George Lindars-Hammond, Ruth Mersereau, Henry Nottage and Martin Phipps

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1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

1.1 There were no apologies for absence received.

2. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR AND DEPUTY

2.1 RESOLVED: That Councillor Bernard Little be appointed Chair and Councillor Maleiki Haybe be appointed Deputy Chair of the Committee for the Municipal Year 2022-23.

3. DATES AND TIMES OF MEETINGS

3.1 RESOLVED: That the meetings of the Committee be held at least four times per year, on dates and times to be determined by the Chair, in accordance with the schedule of Council and Committee meetings for the Municipal Year 2022-23, approved at the annual meeting of the Council.

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Author/Lead Officer of Report: Adeel Zahman,
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Report of: Community Services Manager
Report to: Central Local Area Committee
Date of Decision: 13th July 2022
Subject: Report of Central LAC proposed spending 2022-23

Has appropriate consultation been undertaken? Yes No

Has an Equality Impact Assessment (EIA) been undertaken? Yes No

If YES, what EIA reference number has it been given? *(Insert reference number)*

Does the report contain confidential or exempt information? Yes No

If YES, give details as to whether the exemption applies to the full report / part of the report and/or appendices and complete below:-

*"The **(report/appendix)** is not for publication because it contains exempt information under Paragraph **(insert relevant paragraph number)** of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended)."*

Purpose of Report:

Each Local Area Committee has a £100,000 budget to address local priorities, identified within their respective Community Plans. This report sets out details of the proposed spending in respect of this £100,000 during the 2022/23 financial year. This report gives an overview of the general categories of proposed expenditure and seeks authorisation from the Central Local Area Committee to permit the Community Services Manager, in consultation with the LAC Chair, to spend monies to address identified priorities within the Community Plan.

Recommendations:

That the Central Local Area Committee:

(i) Notes the proposed anticipated expenditure against the £100,000 budget to address local priorities in the Central LAC Community Plan in 2022/23, as detailed in the report, be noted.

(ii) To the extent that it is not covered by existing authority, authorises the Community Services Manager to make decisions on expenditure relating to the priorities set out in the report provided that:

- The decision is taken in consultation with the Local Area Committee Chair,
- The decision may not approve expenditure on any element in excess of the anticipated limit for that element set out in the report, and
- A report detailing the delegated spending decisions taken by the Community Services Manager is presented to the next Local Area Committee meeting.

Background Papers:

The Central Community Plan is published at:

<https://www.sheffield.gov.uk/home/your-city-council/community-plans/central-local-area-committee>

Lead Officer to complete:-		
1	I have consulted the relevant departments in respect of any relevant implications indicated on the Statutory and Council Policy Checklist, and comments have been incorporated / additional forms completed / EIA completed, where required.	Finance: Kayleigh Inman
		Legal: Andrea Simpson
		Equalities: Adele Robinson
<i>Legal, financial/commercial and equalities implications must be included within the report and the name of the officer consulted must be included above.</i>		
2	Head of Service who approved submission:	Lorraine Wood
3	LAC Chair consulted:	Cllr Bernard Little
4	I confirm that all necessary approval has been obtained in respect of the implications indicated on the Statutory and Council Policy Checklist and that the report has been approved for submission to the Decision Maker by the Head of Service indicated at 2. In addition, any additional forms have been completed and signed off as required at 1.	
	Lead Officer Name: Adeel Zahman	Job Title: Central LAC Community Services Manager
	Date: 13 th July 2022	

1. PROPOSAL

1.1 Local Area Committees (LACs) were established by Full Council in May 2021. Their Terms of Reference are set out in Part 3 of the Council's Constitution and include:

- To agree a Community Plan setting priorities for the area of the committee, monitor delivery of that plan and keep it under review; and
- To make decisions relating to funding as delegated from time to time by the Council to fit with the priorities set out in the Community Plan and following engagement with the community.

Each LAC was allocated an initial budget of £100,000 under an executive decision by the Leader of the Council on 17th August 2021. This money is to be spent in line with the Community Plan. As the Community Plan was not finalised until late in the 2021/22 financial year very little of this budget has been spent across the LACs and it has been carried forward to the current financial year.

To enable decisions to be taken quickly and to respond to emerging issues between Committee meetings, in September 2021 the LAC authorised the Community Services Manager to make decisions on expenditure provided that:

- The decision is taken in consultation with the Local Area Committee Chair;
- Spending is in line with any specific purposes of the allocated budget;
- The decision may not approve expenditure of more than £5,000, and
- A report detailing the delegated spending decisions taken by the Community Services Manager is presented to the next Local Area Committee meeting.

1.2 The Central Sheffield Local Area Committee (LAC) developed a Community Plan through consultation with residents, community groups and other stakeholders in Central Sheffield.

These consultations have helped identify key priorities within the Central area, which will inform actions to take to address issues that matter most to residents. The key priorities highlighted in the Plan are:

- Transport and Highways
- Environment
- Community and Neighbourhoods
- Community Safety and Crime
- Business employment and Skills

At a meeting of the Central LAC held on 21st March 2022, the LAC approved the Community Plan.

To enable decisions to be taken quickly and deliver priority actions to address specific issues identified in the Plan, this report presents an overview of anticipated spending during 2022/23 against priorities.

Priority & Element	Anticipated Expenditure	Comments
Transport & Highways		
1. Funding for transport and highways projects for each ward	Up to £8,000 (£2,000 per ward)	Each ward to be allocated £2,000 to implement specific transport and highways projects.
2. Community Speed initiatives including purchase of a Speed Gun	Up to £10,000	Work with SYP and community groups to highlight and tackle speeding vehicles in the Central area.
3. Contingency Fund	Up to £4,000	To further support and develop ideas and projects highlighted within the Transport and Highways theme of the plan. These could include Good / Bad parking schemes, additional Vehicle Activated Signs and support other community projects.
TOTAL	£22,000	
Environment		
1). Projects that tackle fly-tipping, waste.	Up to £25,000	Projects could include environmental awareness campaigns, installation of new litter bins, street art and other projects linked to the Central LAC priorities.
TOTAL	£25,000	

Community and Neighbourhoods.		
1. Projects tackling local neighbourhood issues i.e. loneliness and isolation.	Up to £5,000	Projects could include promoting health and wellbeing and social exclusion, friendships groups.
2. Projects that help to alleviate financial pressures on household budgets with the cost of living.	Up to £11,000	Projects could include supporting local foodbanks and activities for families in each ward.
3. Organising community weeks of action per ward.	Up to £8,000	Projects could include working with local groups and partners to provide additional cleaning, targeting fly tipping and community cohesion initiatives
4. Installation of community notice boards	Up to £4,000	Project could include reviewing notice boards and working with local groups to provide the upkeep and maintenance to inform local people on activities in their areas.
5. Financial support to grassroots agencies to promote health and wellbeing / activities for children and young people	Up to £8,000	Projects could include funding to support to groups on community events / activities for local people for community cohesion and better health and wellbeing
TOTAL	£36,000	
Community Safety & Crime		

1. Tackling the perceived fear of crime.	Up to £4,000	Safety awareness campaigns to be launched with community safety and South Yorkshire Police
2. Increased participation of community groups i.e. Neighbourhood watch	Up to £5,000	Support and develop projects that include local resident and community group ownership to tackle crime.
Total	£9,000	
Business, Employment and Skills		
1. Organising localised career fairs.	Up to £4,000	Projects could include working with local people, providers and community groups to host employment opportunities in each ward.
2. Supporting local business opportunities, forums and local small start ups	Up to £4,000	Project to include working local businesses to support start ups working with stakeholders.
TOTAL	£8,000	
COMBINED TOTAL OF ANTICIPATED SPENDING FROM £100,000 BUDGET	£100,000	

Given that the actual expenditure may differ in amount to the figures anticipated above, reports detailing the exact amounts of expenditure under the above headings will be brought to each Local Area Committee meeting during 2022/23, as spending is incurred.

- 1.3 Much of the proposed expenditure will fall within the Community Service Manager's current authorised spending limit. There may however be occasions when the proposal for an item of expenditure exceeds £5,000 and so would require a decision by the LAC to proceed, but to wait until the next meeting of the LAC would cause undue delay to the project.

To enable decisions to be taken quickly and to deliver priority actions to address specific issues identified in the Plan, it is therefore proposed

that, to the extent that it is not already covered by existing authority, the Community Services Manager is authorised to make decisions on expenditure relating to the priorities set out in the table above provided that a decision may not approve expenditure in excess of the anticipated limit for the element in question set out in the table above. This authorisation would be subject to the conditions on consultation with the LAC Chair and expenditure being reported to the next meeting of the LAC set out in paragraph 1.1 above.

2. HOW DOES THIS DECISION CONTRIBUTE?

- 2.1 Local Area Committees directly support the Communities and Neighbourhoods and Our Council commitments in the 'Our Sheffield: One Year Plan' but to be effective they need to have the capability to respond quickly to emerging local issues.

3. HAS THERE BEEN ANY CONSULTATION?

- 3.1 The Community Plan has been developed through community consultation that has comprised of an online survey through the Council's Citizenspace platform; a paper-based survey for those less digitally-enabled; engagement activity with representative organisations and in-person meetings.

Partner organisations and Council departments that have been identified as offering potential solutions to some of the issues identified have also been consulted, to establish whether suggestions can be realistically implemented.

4. RISK ANALYSIS AND IMPLICATIONS OF THE DECISION

4.1 Equality of Opportunity Implications

- 4.1.1 Decisions need to consider the requirements of the Public Sector Equality Duty contained in Section 149 of the Equality Act 2010.

This is the duty to have due regard to the need to:

- Eliminate discrimination, harassment, victimisation and any other conduct that is prohibited by or under the Act;
- Advance equality of opportunity between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it;
- Foster good relations between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it.

The Equality Act 2010 identifies the following groups as a protected characteristic: age; disability; gender reassignment; marriage and civil partnership; pregnancy and maternity; race; religion or belief; sex and sexual orientation.

The overall impact of this decision is likely to be positive and not disproportionate from an equality, diversity and inclusion perspective. In developing a Community Plan, local communities have been given the opportunity for a greater say in local decision making for services which impact their daily lives.

The devolution of responsibilities will improve inclusion for local people and the work of the Sheffield Equality Partnership will support and enhance the approach from a citywide and underserved communities' perspective.

However, in order to ensure this approach takes into account people who share protected characteristics under the Public Sector Duties the Local Area Committee Community Plan will be supported by appropriate equality monitoring of budget.

An Equality Impact Assessment (EIA 916) was previously carried out in respect of the establishment of Local Area Committees.

4.2 Financial and Commercial Implications

4.2.1 This report concerns expenditure of the LAC's approved budget.

Procurement of supplies and/or services and any award of grant aid will be carried out in line with the Council's Contracts, Standing Orders and Financial Regulations.

4.3 Legal Implications

4.3.1 The LAC must operate in accordance with its Terms of Reference, approved as part of the Council's updated Constitution, reflecting the committee system of governance, by Full Council at its Annual Meeting on 18th May 2022. In accordance with the provisions of section 101 of the Local Government Act 1972 the Constitution provides that a Committee may delegate to a Council Officer.

5. **ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED**

5.1 Decisions on any expenditure above the existing authority to the Community Services Manager could be reserved to the LAC but this would delay delivery of priority actions to address specific issues identified in the Community Plan.

5.2 All decisions on expenditure to support Community Plan priorities could be delegated to officers. However, this would restrict the LAC's ability to monitor its delegated budget and delivery of the Community Plan.

6. **REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 6.1 The Central LAC is asked to note the broad allocation of funding under the priority headings identified to assist its ability to monitor its budget, and to authorise the Community Services Manager to approve expenditure above the current delegated authority in certain circumstances so that delivery of the Community Plan is not delayed.

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